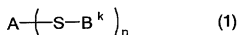


## ABSTRACT

Optical materials with improved heat resistance, especially dopant-type GI POFs with improved heat resistance are provided. These optical materials each comprises at least one aromatic sulfide compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein

n stands for an integer of from 2 to 12,

k stands for an integer of from 1 to n,

A represents a substituted or unsubstituted, n-valent carbocyclic aromatic ring or heterocyclic aromatic ring, and

B<sup>1</sup> to B<sup>n</sup> each independently represent a substituted or unsubstituted, carbocyclic aromatic group or heterocyclic aromatic group.

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